



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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MEMORANDUM

THE ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Environmental Technology Council

TO: Assistant Administrators
Associate Administrators
Regional Administrators
Science Policy Council

I am asking Paul Gilman, as the Agency's Science Advisor, to establish an EPA Environmental Technology Council, which will have as its mission facilitating innovative technology solutions to priority environmental problems and challenges.

Exciting new technologies will continue to help move our environmental programs to a higher level of effectiveness, enabling us to achieve better results at lower costs. We also know that the private sector often faces difficulties and delays in the journey from early research and development to the implementation of technologies that can solve problems, create jobs, and improve our environment. I want EPA to be a better collaborator with industry and others so that we can more quickly maximize the potential of these technologies. The Council, with membership from across EPA and from states, tribes, and other federal agencies, will work closely with industry as a true collaborative network and will focus on actually facilitating solutions and producing results. Leveraging excellent technology support programs here at EPA, in the states, and elsewhere, the Council will work to match technologies with problems and help prompt implementation by making government a partner in this journey, not a barrier.

To begin, I am giving the Council, working with the Science Policy Council, some initial goals: 1) within 3 to 4 months, recommend a "top ten" list of technology/problem opportunities that the Council should address as a first priority; 2) by the end of FY04, identify a set of technologies that recently have completed the commercialization journey and are beginning to make a difference, highlighting those benefitting from EPA's technology support programs; and 3) on a regular basis, report the progress EPA has made in addressing the "top ten."

I am pleased that ORD has established a "one-stop-shop" technology information portal on EPA's web site. This new information gateway and the formation of the Environmental Technology Council are important steps in making EPA a strong advocate and champion of new technologies for the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michael O. Leavitt", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Michael O. Leavitt